(2) The Department takes pains to see that metal is collected outside the road margins wherever possible. In some places this is impossible owing to the narrow width of roads and lands on either side. Every endeavour is being made to remove the evil. A provision of Rs. 2,000 has been made in the budget for 1104 for putting up metal tablets in places where the roads are narrow.

Appointment of the Head clerk in the Office of the Superintendent of Registration.

27. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Superintendent of Registration has recommended for the promotion of a Brahmin clerk under him (who is only a matriculate) as the Head clerk of his department;

(2) whether there is not a provision in the Standing Orders that, in cases of promotions, the graduates in the department should be preferred to non-graduates and whether there is also not a Proceedings of the Diwan to the same effect;

(3) if the answers to the above are in the affirmative, why is it that the Superintendent did not recommend the graduate clerks in his department in preference to the clerk he has now recommended for the appointment as Head clerk;

(4) whether any graduate clerk of the department has submitted a petition pointing out his claims; and if so, what action has been taken upon it;

(5) whether the Government have the idea to insist upon the claims of graduates in preference to those of non-graduates in the cases of such departmental promotions?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Superintendent has recommended his second clerk Mr. C. K. Narasimha Ayyar for the Head clerk's place in his office.

(2) No.

(3) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (2).

(4) No.

(5) Yes, as far as possible, and subject to the reasonable claims of others too.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know when this recommendation was made?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I think it was in the beginning of Edavam or so.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is it disposed of?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Where is it pending?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is pending in the Diwan's office.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The answer to sub-division (2) is 'no'.

May I know at least whether there is an understanding that graduates alone would be made Head clerks and Managers in Offices?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no definite understanding between the Heads of Departments and the Diwan.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is there an order issued by His Highness the Maharaja?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot divulge that.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—With regard to sub-division (5), the answer is 'yes, as far as possible, and subject to the reasonable claims of others'. May I know what are the reasonable claims of non-graduates and under-graduates to be promoted over the graduates?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That will depend upon circumstances. No exact definition of it can be given.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What could be the possible claims in this particular case for the Superintendent of Registration to recommend a non-graduate?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot answer that.

Rules for locating Schools.

28. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any definite rules in locating different grades of schools; if so, will they be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The location of schools will depend on the needs and conditions of localities. In the case of elementary schools the minimum distance is one mile in rural parts.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—The answer given to my question is no answer at all. 'Yes' or 'no' is the reply that is required. It is not stated whether there is any definite rule regarding the subject.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The location of schools will depend upon the needs and conditions of the locality.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether there is any similar rule to ascertain the needs and conditions of localities?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There are circumstances which are to be considered.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Is there any special rule regarding the other schools, lower secondary and upper secondary schools, any restriction in the distance?

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